

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 020431.1136

In re Application of:

AMOL B. ADGAONKAR, ET AL.

Serial No. 10/691,320

Filed: 22 OCTOBER 2003

For: **PULL PLANNING FOR
UNSERVICEABLE PARTS IN
CONNECTION WITH ON-DEMAND
REPAIR PLANNING**

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Examiner:

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Art Unit: 3623

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SUGGESTED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This Suggested Restriction Requirement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits or a Restriction Requirement in the subject Application. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed electronically herewith. Please consider the following remarks prior to examining the subject application.

REMARKS:

Claims 1-44 are currently pending in the subject Application.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed electronically herewith, to correct certain typographical errors in Claims 11, 25, 39, and 43.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is suggested under 37 C.F.R. 1.142(c):

- I. Claims 1-14, 43, and 44 are drawn to a system for planning repairs in response to demand in a multi-level repair network.
- II. Claims 15-28 are drawn to a method for planning repairs in response to demand in a multi-level repair network.
- III. Claims 29-42 are drawn to software for planning repairs in response to demand in a multi-level repair network.

The inventions are distinct, from each other because of the following reasons:

Inventions Group II and Group I are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the process can be practiced by hand.

Inventions Groups I, II, and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct if they do not overlap in scope and are not obvious variants, and if it is shown that at least one subcombination is separately usable. In the instant case, Group III has a separate utility such as software for planning repairs in response to demand in a multi-level repair network. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and ***there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction*** is not required because

the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

The Applicant hereby elects Group 1 (Claims 1-14, 43, and 44), without traverse, which is directed to a system for planning repairs in response to demand in a multi-level repair network. Because the Applicant has elected a Group and set forth the claims directed to that Group, as set forth in the above Suggested Restriction Requirement, this response is complete. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Steven J. Laureanti, at (480) 830-2700 with any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to the Suggested Restriction Requirement or the subject Application.

CONCLUSION:

Although the Applicants believe no fees are deemed to be necessary; the undersigned hereby authorizes the Director to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 500777**. If an extension of time is necessary for allowing this Response to be timely filed, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the extent necessary. Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time should be charged to **Deposit Account No. 500777**.

Please link this application to Customer No. 53184 so that its status may be checked via the PAIR System.

Respectfully submitted,

31 October 2007
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